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To: Harris County Precinct Three Commissioner Radack
From: Katie Short, Director, Commissioners Court's Analyst's Office
CC: Jim Bethke, Director, and AJ Roy, Deputy Director, Justice Administration Department; Julie Prine, Chief of Staff, and Michele Arnold, Public Information Officer, Institute of Forensic Sciences
Date: December 14, 2020
Re: **Annual Rates for Homicide Charges and Homicide-Related Deaths, 2015 through 2020 (year-to-date)**

Harris County Precinct Three requested that the Commissioners Court's Analyst's Office produce a memo on the annual homicide rate in Harris County for five years, through 2020. This memo is a follow-up to a memo circulated on Friday, November 20, 2020.

This memo includes the rate of homicide deaths in Harris County, produced in collaboration with the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, as well as the originally reported rate of homicide charges in Harris County, produced in collaboration with the Harris County Justice Administration Department, for the five-year period. The Analyst's Office defers to the Justice Administration Department on criminal justice-related matters.

Annual Rates for Homicide Charges and Homicide-Related Deaths, Harris County, 2015 – 2020 (year-to-date)						
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 (through 11/17/2020)
Harris County Population	4,557,846	4,623,960	4,657,972	4,680,045	4,713,325	4,746,842
Criminal Homicide Charges	346	332	257	290	289	356
Homicide Charge Rate (per 100,000 residents)	7.6	7.2	5.5	6.2	6.1	7.5
Homicide Deaths	481	479	458	436	490	546
Homicide Death Rate (per 100,000 residents)	10.6	10.4	9.8	9.3	10.4	11.5
Note: 2020 population is estimated. Data include criminal homicide charges and homicide deaths in the City of Houston and Harris County. Source: Population data from United States Census Bureau; Criminal Homicide Charges from Harris County Justice Administration Department; Homicide Death Rate from Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.						